

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 30, 2000 (BOS Mtg.4/18/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Speed Limit Provisions

ISSUE AND CONSIDERATIONS

On June 20, 1996, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a policy and procedures for the installation of signs advising of the maximum penalty for exceeding the posted speed limit on certain residential streets. In the past, the Board has adopted resolutions requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to designate certain streets in the County for the \$200 additional fine for speeding restrictions. The Brandywine homeowners association and the homeowners in Nelson Park have submitted similar requests concerning excessive speeds.

The VDOT policy requires that a formal request for establishment of the \$200 maximum fine provision be submitted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. To qualify for consideration, a street must meet the definition of "local residential" or "residential collector" prescribed in the VDOT policy and also must have a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or lower. The policy includes definitions intended to encompass only those streets that are predominantly residential in nature and it also requires that residential units face the street and have driveway connections to it. The Board's request to VDOT for establishment of the restrictions must identify the specific road segments to be covered, confirm that the segments meet the definitions, note that a speeding problem exists, and document that the increased penalty has community support. If the request is approved, VDOT will install the necessary regulatory signs.

The Brandywine homeowners association has requested that the increased-penalty-for speeding restrictions be established on Brandywine Drive, Brigade Drive, Fielding Lewis Drive, and Whispering Pine Drive. The Sheriff's office has conducted periodic speed enforcement efforts in Brandywine over the past few years, resulting in 22 citations issued between 1997 and 1999. A speeding problem obviously exists there and the road has residential driveways on it, which appears to be in conformance with the established VDOT policies for designation.

Via petition, a majority of the residents in Nelson Park have requested that the increased-penalty-for-speeding restrictions be established on Colonial Avenue, Dodge Drive, Edale Avenue, Nelson Drive, and West Semple Road. The Sheriff's office has conducted periodic speed enforcement efforts in Nelson Park over the past few years, resulting in 90 citations issued between 1997 and 1999. A speeding problem obviously exists there and the road has residential driveways on it, which appears to be in conformance with the established VDOT policies for designation.

RECOMMENDATION

Given the support of both of the communities and the Sheriff's office speeding citation data, I recommend that the Board endorse the Brandywine homeowners association and the Nelson Park residents' request for the establishment of the increased penalty provisions through the adoption of Resolution No. R00-55 and forward it to VDOT with a request for approval.

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Attachments

- Letter from Jim MacPherson, Brandywine Association President to Adam Kinsman, dated March 24, 2000
- Area Map of Brandywine
- Nelson Park residents' petition
- Area Map of Nelson Park
- Proposed Resolution No. 00-55